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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Carter
Councillor Dies
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry
***all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Barton
Councillor Drew
Councillor Hight
Councillor McLean
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Smith

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Anderson made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Report #2021-MOH-2: 2021 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets. He indicated that his daughter is a nurse and a paramedic and is employed by the Region.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(1) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Delegations

There were no Delegations to be heard.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(2) That the agenda be altered in order to consider Reports #2021-MOH-2 [Item 7.2 B] and #2021-SS-1 [Item 8.2 A] after the respective presentations.
CARRIED

6. Presentations

6.1 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, regarding the 2021 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Health Department (2021-MOH-2) [Item 7.2 B]

N. Taylor and R.J. Kyle provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2021 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets. Highlights of their presentation included:

- 2021 Budget – Strategic Priorities
- Budget Overview
 - 2020 Health Department Accomplishments
 - 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Financing – Public Health
 - 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Financing – Paramedic Services
 - 2021 Priorities and Highlights – Public Health
 - 2021 Priorities and Highlights – Paramedic Services
 - 2021 Priorities and Highlights
- 2021 Risks and Uncertainties
- 2021 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures – Public Health
- Future Budget Pressures – Paramedic Services

7. Health

7.2 Reports

B) 2021 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-MOH-2)

Report #2021-MOH-2 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, was received.

R.J. Kyle responded to questions with regards to the COVID-19 provincial lockdown; the likelihood of a third wave; and, the rollout of vaccinations and how it will affect the Region's role and budget. He also responded to questions with regards to federal and provincial funding to offset costs related to the pandemic; whether additional funds were allocated for paramedics to assist with vaccinations; possible provincial requirements and guidelines to handle the distribution of the vaccine; plans to service rural communities with regards to vaccinations; and, the importance of investments in technology.

T. Cheseboro responded to questions with regards to whether COVID-19 has presented challenges that have affected the Paramedic Master Plan.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Roy,

(3) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2021 Business Plans and Budgets of the Health Department be approved.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE

Yes

Councillor Carter
Councillor Dies
Regional Chair Henry
Councillor Pickles
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten
Councillor Chapman

No

None

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Anderson

6.2 S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, regarding the 2021 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Social Services Department (2021-SS-1) [Item 8.2 A]

N. Taylor and S. Danos-Papaconstantinou provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2021 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets. Highlights of their presentation included:

- 2021 Budget – Strategic Priorities
- Budget Overview
 - 2020 Accomplishments
 - 2021 Proposed Expenditures and Financing
 - 2021 Priorities and Highlights
- 2021 Risks and Uncertainties
- 2021 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures

8. Social Services

8.2 Reports

A) 2021 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-SS-1)

Report #2021-SS-1 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,

(4) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

That the 2021 Business Plans and Budgets of the Social Services Department be approved.

CARRIED

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence to Dr. Robert Kyle, Medical Officer of Health from Peggy Sattler, MPP (London West) re: Bill 239 – Stay Home If You Are Sick Act

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

(5) That we recommend to Regional Council:

That the correspondence to Dr. Robert Kyle from Peggy Sattler, MPP (London West) re: Bill 239 – Stay Home If You Are Sick Act, be endorsed.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) Product and Manufacture Standardization for Durham Region Health Department's Oral Health Clinic (2021-MOH-1)

Report #2021-MOH-1 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(6) That we recommend to Council:

That approval be granted to standardize the dental equipment and instruments, estimated at \$251,200 for Durham Region Health Department's Oral Health Clinic in advance of the relocation and expansion of the Oral Health Clinic from 1615 Dundas St. E., Whitby to 200 John St. W., Oshawa with the standardized dental equipment and instruments to be bid competitively to select manufacturers/distributors that carry the standardized equipment and financed through capital costs approved as part of the 2021 Public Health Business Plans and Budgets.

CARRIED

B) 2021 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-MOH-2)

This Item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Item 7.2 B) on page 3 of these minutes.

Questions to Health

R.J. Kyle responded to questions from Councillor Pickles with regards to the lifting of the provincial state of emergency lockdown.

R.J. Kyle responded to questions from Councillor Dies with regards to the vaccination of isolated seniors who are unable to go out without support from family members and those living independently.

R.J. Kyle responded to questions from Councillor Anderson with regards to the vaccination of senior communities and whether they should be treated as a priority.

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) 2021 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2021-SS-1)

This Item was considered earlier in the meeting. See Item 8.2 A) on page 4 of these minutes.

Questions to Social Services

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to questions from Councillor Dies with regards to how information about services and support is communicated to isolated seniors and those living independently in the community.

9. **Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

10. **Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

11. **Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

13. **Adjournment**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(7) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk